

In re application of James R. Gannoe et al.

Serial No. 09/492,558

Filed: January 27, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CARDIAC SURGERY

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, line 16 with the following paragraph:

Returning to Figure 1, the system of the invention further includes a stabilizer 70 for stabilizing the surface of the heart or other organ during a surgical procedure.

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